GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3283
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2002
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN N.E. REGION
MINATI SEN;RAGHUNATH JHA;SAMIK LAHIRI

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is high rise in the terrorist activities in the North Eastern Region particularly in Assam, West Bengal border;

(b) whether the ULFA and KLO and National Democratic Front of Bodoland are prominent terrorist organisations for carrying out such activities;

(c) if so, the details of the terrorist incidents reported during each of the last three years, till date;

(d) whether these organisations have set up their camps and are conducting their activities in Bhutan;

(e) if so, whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Bhutan Government;

(f) if so, the outcome thereof;

(g) whether the Government are aware that owners of the Assam Tea Gardens are the worst sufferers at the hands of the terrorists;
(h) if so, the details in this regard; and

(i) the steps taken by the Government to check activities of the terrorist organizations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a) to (i): A statement is annexed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO
(i) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3283 FOR 10.12.2002 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JHA: SHRI SAMIK L
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(a) to (c) According to available information, details of the violent incidents committed by United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and Kamtapuri Liberation Organization (KLO) during last three years are as follows:

YEAR	NO. OF VIOLENT INCIDENTS COMMITTED BY		
	ULFA	NDFB	KLO
2000	266	183	09
2001	162	210	03
2002 (upto 15.11.2002)	145	151	05

(d) to (f): The Government is aware about the existence of camps of ULFA, NDFB and KLO in Bhutan territory, which are being usec by them as safe havens, and for training purposes and launching of operations against Indian civilians and security forces.

The matter regarding removal of camps of Indian insurgents groups from Bhutan territory has been taken up from time to time with the

Royal Government of Bhutan (RGOB). The RGOB have assured that they will not allow these elements to use their territory for activities prejudicial to the interests of India.

(g) to (i): There are reports that the militant outfits have indulged in extortion activities from owners of the Tea Gardens. The Government has taken various steps to control the terrorist activites in Assam. These include, inter alia, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, declaration of the entire State of Assam as `disturbed area` under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act,1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the state Government and modernization/upgradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at state and Central Government level is being made.